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1. Incubation Mixture: 700 μ g of fetuin (0.2ml, as prepared by the method as described above in Section 4A) was incubated with 0.5 ml of 0.1 M EDTA for approximately one (1) hour.

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Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims 3, 5, and 8:

3. (amended) The method of preparing supercharged zinc fetuin of claim 1, wherein the chelating agent is 0.1 M EDTA.

5. (amended) A method of preparing supercharged zinc fetuin:

- Incubating fetuin with approximately 0.5 ml of approximately 0.1 M EDTA for every 700 μ g of fetuin in approximately 0.2 ml of solution;
- Adding saline solution to said incubation mixture and concentrating said mixture to near dryness using a molecular sieve and centrifugal force; repeating said concentration using said saline solution, molecular sieve and centrifugal force a multiple number of times to obtain a naked fetuin on the molecule sieve;
- 15 Incubating the naked fetuin in approximately 0.2 ml of solution with approximately 0.5 ml of approximately 0.5 M Zinc Acetate; and
- 20 d. Removing the free Zinc Acetate using the molecular sieve and centrifugal force to obtain supercharged zinc fetuin.

8. (amended) The supercharged zinc fetuin of claim 6, wherein the chelating agent is 0.1 M EDTA.

REMARKS

Applicant has made one minor change to the specification and claims 3, 5, and 8. Applicant originally stated that fetalin was to be incubated with 0.5 ml of 0.1 EDTA. Applicant inadvertently left out the concentration unit, molar, for EDTA. This clarification does not involve new matter because it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that the EDTA concentration would be in Molar units. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application upon entry of this preliminary amendment.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at Trojan Law Offices, 310-777-8399.

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